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**THE INSCRIPTIONS ON THE OBELISK CRABS IN CENTRAL PARK,
NEW YORK.**

It seems proper to put on record in this Journal that the Board of Commissioners of Public Parks of New York City on the 15th of April 1890 altered the Greek and Latin Inscriptions upon the reproduced bronze crabs beneath the obelisk in Central Park, to make them conform to the readings of the original crab now in the Metropolitan Museum of Art (see *The Greek and Latin Inscriptions on the Obelisk-Crab*, A. C. Merriam, Harper and Brothers, 1883). The form in which these were inscribed at the erection of the obelisk in Central Park was this, s. e. corner, right claw :—

Outside

L H ΚΑΙΣΑΡΟΣ
ΒΑΡΒΑΡΟΣΑΝΕΘΗΚΕ
ΑΡΧΙΤΕΚΤΟΝΟΥΝΤΟΣ
ΠΟΝΤΙΟΥ

Inside

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They now read :—

L IH ΚΑΙΣΑΡΟΣ
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The crab at the N. E. corner, outside, had this inscription :—

“Removed to Alexandria Egypt and erected there B. C. 22 by the Romans.” In this the date has been changed to “B. C. 12.”

The work has been done quite satisfactorily, considering the limitations of space and the desire to alter as little as possible and yet secure correctness of fact in the result. No attempt is made in the inscriptions to reproduce the original with epigraphic exactness.

A. C. MERRIAM.